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SUBJECT: PRIMIN DEMIREL RESPONDS TO CARAMANLIS STATEMENTS

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PRIMIN DEMIREL RESPONDED APRIL 17 TO THE STATEMENTS CONCERNING  
GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS MADE BY GREEK PRIMIN CARAMANLIS DURING  
THE GREEK PARLIAMENT'S DEBATES ON THE US-GREEK DEFENSE COOPERATION  
AGREEMENT (REFTEL). TEXT OF TOA DEMIREL ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: IN A SPEECH IN THE GREEK PARLIAMENT TODAY, PRIME  
MINISTER CARAMANLIS TOUCHED ON GRECO-TURKISH RELATIONS AND  
WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF ELIMINATING THE ATMOSPHERE OF  
DISTRUST TOWARDS MY PEOPLE, SUGGESTED THAT THE ARMS RACE  
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES BE ENDED, THAT A NON-AGRESSION  
PACT BE CONCLUDED AND THAT AGREEMENTS BE SIGNED FOR THE  
PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF OUR PROBLEMS.

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WE HAVE ALWAYS CONFIRMED OUR PEACE-LOVING POLICY IN THE

OFFICIAL STATEMENTS ISSUED BY BOTH OUR FOREIGN MINISTER AND ME DURING THE ONE YEAR THAT HAS ELAPSED SINCE THE FORMATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC NOW IN OFFICE.

WE REPEATEDLY STATED THAT SINCE THE FOUNDATION OF THE TURKISH REPUBLIC OVER HALF A CENTURY AGO, WE HAVE NOT HARBORED AGGRESSIVE AMBITIONS AGAINST ANY OF OUR NEIGHBOURS OR AGAINST GREECE AND THAT THE PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES CAN BE SOLVED ONLY IN PEACEFUL AND GOODWILLED NEGOTIATIONS TO REACH AN AGREEMENT. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT IN HIS STATEMENT TODAY THE GREEK PRIME MINISTER HAS ALSO MADE REFERENCE TO MY LAST INTERVIEW TO 'IL MESAGERO'. IN MY STATEMENT TO THE SAID ITALIAN NEWSPAPER I NOTED ONCE AGAIN TURKEY'S PEACE-LOVING POLICY TOWARDS GREECE AND INVITED GREECE TO RECIPROCATE OUR GOODWILL#; LOOKED AT FROM THIS ANGLE, IT IS PLEASEING THAT PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS HAS ANSWERED OUR APPEAL CONSTRUCTIVELY, ALTHOUGH BELATEDLY.

I FIND IT USEFUL TO ANNOUNCE ONCE AGAIN OUR STANCE ON GRECO-TURKISH RELATIONS IN A WAY TO LEAVE NO ROOM FOR ANY MISTAKE:

TURKEY HAS NOT CAUSED ANY OF THE PROBLEMS BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY.

TURKEY HAS NOT ENTERED IN THE ARMS RACE WITH GREECE.

TURKEY HAS NO AGGRESSIVE AMBITIONS AGAINST GREECE.

TURKEY SINCERELY WANTS THE EXISTING PROBLEMS BETWEEN ITSELF AND GREECE TO BE SOLVED TO THE SENEFIT OF BOTH COUNTRIES THROUGH PEACEFUL AND GOODWILLED NEGOTIATIONS.

PROCEEDING FROM THESE PRINCIPLES AND GIVEING NEW EVIDENCE OF OUR GOODWILL, WE ARE READY TO EXERT EVERY EFFORT IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE IN THE MOST CATEGORIC WAY THE DISTRUSTFUL ATMOSPHERE WHICH REIGNS OVER RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE AND TO RAISE THEM TO THE LEVEL BEFITTING TWO ALLIED AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. END TEXT.  
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